Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

December 2013

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended December 14, 2013, there were 553,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan during December 2013, an increase of 1,400 from November 2013 and 13,900 more than the number employed in December 2012.

Agricultural employment was 42,100 persons in December 2013, down 100 from the November 2013 level but 1,900 more than the December 2012 agricultural employment level of 40,200. Non-agricultural employment was 511,600 persons in December 2013. This is an increase of 1,500 from the November 2013 non-agriculture employment level of 510,100 and 12,000 more than December 2012.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for December 2013 was 3.5 percent. This is a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the November 2013 rate of 3.8 percent and 0.8 percentage points lower than the December 2012 level of 4.3 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 400 to 573,900 persons in December 2013 from 574,300 persons in November 2013. This is 9,900 more than the December 2012 labour force of 564,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.1 percentage points to 68.8 percent in December 2013 from 68.9 percent in November 2013. The December 2012 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.0 percent.

There were 20,100 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during December 2013. This is a decrease of 1,800 from November 2013 and is 4,100 less than the number unemployed in December 2012.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 558,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan in December 2013, up 1,900 from the November 2013 level of 556,200 and is up 13,800 from the December 2012 employment level of 544,300 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2013 was 3.9 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the November 2013 rate of 4.1 percent and 0.7 percentage points lower than the December 2012 rate of 4.6 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 118,500 persons in December 2013 to 17,681,500 persons from 17,800,000 persons in November 2013. In December 2012, there were 17,574,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.3 percentage points in December 2013 to 6.7 percent from the November 2013 level of 6.4 percent. In December 2012, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.5 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.2 percent in December 2013. This is 0.3 percentage points higher than November 2013 and 0.1 percentage points higher than the December 2012 level of 7.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	December 2013	November 2013	December 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,950.3	19,026.7	18,805.3	-76.4	145.0
Employed ('000)	17,681.5	17,800.0	17,574.0	-118.5	107.5
Full-Time ('000)	14,150.9	14,326.0	14,163.3	-175.1	-12.4
Part-Time ('000)	3,530.6	3,474.0	3,410.7	56.6	119.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,268.8	1,226.7	1,231.3	42.1	37.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	6.4	6.5	0.3	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.2	6.9	7.1	0.3	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	65.7	66.0	66.1	-0.3	-0.4
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	573.9	574.3	564.0	-0.4	9.9
Employed ('000)	553.7	552.3	539.8	1.4	13.9
Full-Time ('000)	445.9	455.1	437.8	-9.2	8.1
Part-Time ('000)	107.8	97.3	102.0	10.5	5.8
Unemployed ('000)	20.1	21.9	24.2	-1.8	-4.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5	3.8	4.3	-0.3	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.9	4.1	4.6	-0.2	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	68.9	69.0	-0.1	-0.2
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,332.3	2,351.3	2,253.7	-19.0	78.6
Employed ('000)	2,231.3	2,250.0	2,159.4	-18.7	71.9
Full-Time ('000)	1,851.7	1,871.4	1,813.7	-19.7	38.0
Part-Time ('000)	379.6	378.6	345.7	1.0	33.9
Unemployed ('000)	101.0	101.3	94.2	-0.3	6.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.8	4.7	4.5	0.1	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	72.4	73.1	72.4	-0.7	0.0
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	660.5	664.1	666.2	-3.6	-5.7
Employed ('000)	626.5	629.1	634.5	-2.6	-8.0
Full-Time ('000)	504.1	502.7	505.8	1.4	-1.7
Part-Time ('000)	122.4	126.4	128.7	-4.0	-6.3
Unemployed ('000)	34.0	35.0	31.6	-1.0	2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	5.3	4.7	-0.2	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.6	5.2	-0.1	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	67.5	67.9	68.9	-0.4	-1.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	December 2013	November 2013	December 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	573.9	574.3	564.0	-0.4	9.9
Male	309.8	311.6	303.8	-1.8	6.0
Female	264.1	262.7	260.2	1.4	3.9
15-24 Years of Age	87.8	88.8	90.6	-1.0	-2.8
25+ Years of age	486.1	485.4	473.5	0.7	12.6
EMPLOYED ('000)	553.7	552.3	539.8	1.4	13.9
Male	299.2	299.5	289.8	-0.3	9.4
Female	254.5	252.8	250.0	1.7	4.5
15-24 Years of Age	83.2	83.2	82.0	0.0	1.2
25+ Years of age	470.5	469.2	457.8	1.3	12.7
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	20.1	21.9	24.2	-1.8	-4.1
Male	10.6	12.1	14.0	-1.5	-3.4
Female	9.5	9.9	10.3	-0.4	-0.8
15-24 Years of Age	4.5	5.7	8.5	-1.2	-4.0
25+ Years of age	15.6	16.3	15.7	-0.7	-0.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	3.5	3.8	4.3	-0.3	-0.8
Male	3.4	3.9	4.6	-0.5	-1.2
Female	3.6	3.8	4.0	-0.2	-0.4
15-24 Years of Age	5.1	6.4	9.4	-1.3	-4.3
25+ Years of age	3.2	3.4	3.3	-0.2	-0.1
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	68.8	68.9	69.0	-0.1	-0.2
Male	74.4	75.0	74.7	-0.6	-0.3
Female	63.2	62.9	63.3	0.3	-0.1
15-24 Years of Age	64.2	64.9	66.3	-0.7	-2.1
25+ Years of age	69.7	69.7	69.5	0.0	0.2

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	December 2013	November 2013	December 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	42.1	42.2	40.2	-0.1	1.9
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	22.3	24.1	24.6	-1.8	-2.3
Utilities	7.1	6.3	5.2	0.8	1.9
Construction	47.6	48.5	45.7	-0.9	1.9
Manufacturing	29.5	28.2	28.5	1.3	1.0
Trade	85.1	81.1	83.7	4.0	1.4
Transportation and Warehousing	29.8	31.3	25.5	-1.5	4.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.6	28.6	28.2	1.0	1.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	28.9	27.9	24.0	1.0	4.9
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.7	12.5	11.8	0.2	0.9
Educational Services	46.2	48.3	45.6	-2.1	0.6
Health Care and Social Assistance	70.7	71.5	72.9	-0.8	-2.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.1	20.3	18.7	-0.2	1.4
Accommodation and Food Services	31.1	31.9	28.8	-0.8	2.3
Other Services	23.0	21.7	24.5	1.3	-1.5
Public Administration	28.0	28.1	31.9	-0.1	-3.9
Total	553.7	552.3	539.8	1.4	13.9
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	445.9	455.1	437.8	-9.2	8.1
Part-Time	107.8	97.3	102.0	10.5	5.8
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	448.7	447.7	439.1	1.0	9.6
Public Sector	134.5	137.3	142.1	-2.8	-7.6
Private Sector	314.2	310.4	297.0	3.8	17.2
Self-Employed	105.0	104.7	100.7	0.3	4.3

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	December 2013	November 2013	December 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,681.5	17,800.0	17,574.0	-118.5	107.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	227.9	227.8	231.9	0.1	-4.0
Prince Edward Island	70.9	71.3	71.8	-0.4	-0.9
Nova Scotia	445.9	447.5	447.8	-1.6	-1.9
New Brunswick	348.7	351.4	342.9	-2.7	5.8
Quebec	4,013.6	4,057.3	4,000.3	-43.7	13.3
Ontario	6,861.3	6,916.9	6,844.5	-55.6	16.8
Manitoba	626.5	629.1	634.5	-2.6	-8.0
Saskatchewan	553.7	552.3	539.8	1.4	13.9
Alberta	2,231.3	2,250.0	2,159.4	-18.7	71.9
British Columbia	2,301.8	2,296.4	2,301.1	5.4	0.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.7	6.4	6.5	0.3	0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.1	12.4	11.3	-1.3	-0.2
Prince Edward Island	13.3	13.0	12.1	0.3	1.2
Nova Scotia	8.6	8.3	8.9	0.3	-0.3
New Brunswick	9.1	9.2	10.2	-0.1	-1.1
Quebec	7.4	6.8	7.2	0.6	0.2
Ontario	7.1	6.7	6.9	0.4	0.2
Manitoba	5.1	5.3	4.7	-0.2	0.4
Saskatchewan	3.5	3.8	4.3	-0.3	-0.8
Alberta	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
British Columbia	6.1	6.4	5.9	-0.3	0.2

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	December 2013	November 2013	December 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,769.6	17,815.5	17,667.6	-45.9	102.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	234.0	232.1	235.7	1.9	-1.7
Prince Edward Island	73.6	73.9	74.5	-0.3	-0.9
Nova Scotia	449.6	451.5	449.8	-1.9	-0.2
New Brunswick	354.1	352.3	347.7	1.8	6.4
Quebec	4,046.3	4,056.5	4,044.2	-10.2	2.1
Ontario	6,878.2	6,917.5	6,854.2	-39.3	24.0
Manitoba	630.6	631.6	638.4	-1.0	-7.8
Saskatchewan	558.1	556.2	544.3	1.9	13.8
Alberta	2,236.0	2,247.7	2,165.3	-11.7	70.7
British Columbia	2,309.1	2,296.3	2,313.5	12.8	-4.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.2	6.9	7.1	0.3	0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	10.8	12.3	11.6	-1.5	-0.8
Prince Edward Island	11.5	11.4	11.0	0.1	0.5
Nova Scotia	9.2	8.8	9.3	0.4	-0.1
New Brunswick	9.7	9.7	10.8	0.0	-1.1
Quebec	7.7	7.2	7.3	0.5	0.4
Ontario	7.9	7.2	7.9	0.7	0.0
Manitoba	5.5	5.6	5.2	-0.1	0.3
Saskatchewan	3.9	4.1	4.6	-0.2	-0.7
Alberta	4.8	4.7	4.5	0.1	0.3
British Columbia	6.6	6.7	6.4	-0.1	0.2

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	December 2013	November 2013	December 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	5.8	5.8	6.1	0.0	-0.3
Halifax	6.4	6.4	5.4	0.0	1.0
Saint John	6.0	6.7	8.8	-0.7	-2.8
Quebec	4.2	4.1	4.1	0.1	0.1
Montreal	7.4	7.2	7.9	0.2	-0.5
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.0	5.8	5.9	0.2	0.1
Greater Sudbury	6.1	6.0	5.8	0.1	0.3
Toronto	7.7	7.9	7.6	-0.2	0.1
Winnipeg	5.3	5.6	5.1	-0.3	0.2
Regina	3.8	3.8	3.7	0.0	0.1
Saskatoon	3.6	3.6	5.1	0.0	-1.5
Calgary	4.4	4.4	4.2	0.0	0.2
Edmonton	5.0	4.7	4.2	0.3	0.8
Vancouver	6.0	6.3	6.2	-0.3	-0.2
Victoria	4.6	4.3	5.4	0.3	-0.8
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	174.2	175.3	172.2	-1.1	2.0
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	51.6	51.3	50.4	0.3	1.2
Saskatoon-Biggar	193.2	193.1	182.1	0.1	11.1
Yorkton-Melville	37.7	37.0	39.3	0.7	-1.6
Prince Albert & Northern	97.5	98.1	96.5	-0.6	1.0

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	December 2013	November 2013	December 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	574.9	575.7	563.5	-0.8	11.4
Employed ('000)	555.1	555.4	540.1	-0.3	15.0
Unemployed ('000)	19.9	20.4	23.5	-0.5	-3.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5	3.5	4.2	0.0	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	69.2	69.0	-0.2	0.0
Employment Rate (%)	66.6	66.8	66.2	-0.2	0.4
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	526.9	527.8	517.9	-0.9	9.0
Employed ('000)	511.8	512.5	499.9	-0.7	11.9
Unemployed ('000)	15.0	15.3	18.1	-0.3	-3.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.9	2.9	3.5	0.0	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	69.6	69.5	-0.3	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	67.4	67.6	67.1	-0.2	0.3
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	48.0	48.0	45.6	0.0	2.4
Employed ('000)	43.2	42.8	40.2	0.4	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	4.8	5.1	5.4	-0.3	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.0	10.7	11.8	-0.7	-1.8
Participation Rate (%)	65.8	65.9	63.6	-0.1	2.2
Employment Rate (%)	59.2	58.8	56.1	0.4	3.1
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Labour Force ('000)	19.3	19.4	18.5	-0.1	0.8
Employed ('000)	16.4	16.3	15.6	0.1	0.8
Unemployed ('000)	2.9	3.0	2.9	-0.1	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.0	15.7	15.7	-0.7	-0.7
Participation Rate (%)	60.2	60.5	58.8	-0.3	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	51.2	51.0	49.5	0.2	1.7
MÉTIS					
Labour Force ('000)	28.7	28.6	27.0	0.1	1.7
Employed ('000)	26.8	26.5	24.5	0.3	2.3
Unemployed ('000)	1.9	2.1	2.5	-0.2	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	7.3	9.2	-0.6	-2.5
Participation Rate (%)	70.3	70.1	67.3	0.2	3.0
Employment Rate (%)	65.6	65.0	61.1	0.6	4.5

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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